

Amendments to the Specification:

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Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 15, with:

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--~~Fig. 3 shows~~ FIGS. 3a and 3b show the schematic structure of the data blocks transmitted from the port units to the central switching unit (Figure 3a) and from the central switching unit to the port units (Figure 3b).--

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Replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 9, with:

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--After receipt of a cell, the central switching unit 5 or the interface units Port IF read out not just the availability vector CRreq, but also at least that address information (denoted by "destination" in Figure ~~[[3]]~~ 3a) which is required to ascertain the port unit to which the relevant cell is to be transmitted.--